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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,
AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 3 OF
THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CODE, KNOWN AS THE "PALM
BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE EMERGENCY TRANSPORT
FEE ORDINANCE"; CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF
BASIC LIFE SUPPORT; PROVIDING CLASSIFICATIONS
OF ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES; PROVIDING
FOR AN INCREASE IN EMERGENCY TRANSPORT FEES;
ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR ALS2 TRANSPORTS;
PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF LAWS IN CONFLICT;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR
INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF LAWS AND ORDINANCES;
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 **WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners enacted Chapter 13,
17 Article II, Division 3 of the Palm Beach County Code, known as the
18 "Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Emergency Transport Fee Ordinance,"
19 which established fees to be charged by Palm Beach County Fire-
20 Rescue for the provision of transport services; and

21 **WHEREAS**, effective April 1, 2002, Medicare has proposed new
22 reimbursement rules and guidelines and a new fee schedule; and

23 **WHEREAS**, as a result of these changes, the Board of County
24 Commissioners desires to amend its present fee schedule.

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
26 COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that:

27 **SECTION 1.** Section 13-57, paragraphs (a) and (b), of
28 Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3 of the Palm Beach County Code,
29 is hereby amended as follows:

30 (a) Basic Life Support (BLS) services include the treatment
31 of medical emergencies by a qualified person through the
32 use of techniques such as patient assessment,
33 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), splinting,
34 obstetrical assistance, bandaging, administration of
35 oxygen, application of medical anti-shock trousers,
36 administration of a subcutaneous injection using a pre-
37 measured auto-injector of epinephrine to a person
38 suffering an anaphylactic reaction, and other techniques
39 described in the Emergency Medical Technician Basic
40 Training Course Curriculum of the United States

1 Department of Transportation provision of treatment
2 services, or the use of consumable or disposable supplies
3 which does not rise to the level of the provision of
4 advanced life support services. BLS is services rendered
5 to patients which do not require invasive techniques,
6 which include, but are not limited to, simple bandaging,
7 minor splinting, and simple immobilization.

8 (b) Advanced life support services means the treatment of
9 life-threatening emergencies through the use of
10 techniques such as endotracheal intubation, the
11 administration of intravenous fluids, medications,
12 telemetry, cardiac monitoring, cardiac defibrillation,
13 and the use of external pacemakers by a qualified
14 paramedic. Advanced life support services are classified
15 in two categories as follows:

16 (1) Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS1): Where
17 medically necessary, the provision of an assessment
18 by an advanced life support (ALS) provider and/or
19 the provision of one or more ALS interventions. An
20 ALS intervention is defined as a procedure beyond
21 the scope of an EMT-Basic as defined in the
22 National EMS Education and Practice Blueprint.

23 (2) Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS2): Where
24 medically necessary, the administration of at least
25 three different medications and/or the provision of
26 one or more of the following ALS procedures:

- 27 • Manual defibrillation/cardioversion.
- 28 • Endotracheal intubation.
- 29 • Central venous line.
- 30 • Cardiac pacing.
- 31 • Chest decompression.
- 32 • Surgical airway.
- 33 • Intraosseous line.

1 **SECTION 2.** Section 13-58, paragraphs (a) and (b), of
2 Chapter 13, Article II, Division 3 of the Palm Beach County Code,
3 are hereby amended as follows:

4 (a) There are hereby established certain emergency transport
5 fees and charges for county fire-rescue services. A fee
6 shall be imposed for the provision of basic life support
7 services (BLS); and advance life support services level
8 1 and 2 (ALS1 and ALS2) transports ~~and for the provision~~
9 ~~of advanced life support services (ALS) transport, and a~~
10 service charge shall be imposed for mileage ~~and oxygen~~.

11 (b) The following fees and service charges are to be imposed:

(1)	BLS Transport Fee	\$225.00	<u>\$300.00</u>
(2)	ALS1 Transport Fee	\$325.00	<u>\$340.00</u>
(3)	<u>ALS2 Transport Fee</u>		<u>\$450.00</u>
(4)	Mileage		\$7.50 per mile

16 **SECTION 3. Repeal of Laws in Conflict**

17 All local laws and ordinances in conflict with any provisions
18 of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such
19 conflict.

20 **SECTION 4. Severability:**

21 If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word
22 of this ordinance is for any reason held by a Court to be
23 unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not
24 affect the remainder of this ordinance.

25 **SECTION 5. Inclusion in the Code of Laws and Ordinances:**

26 The provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a
27 part of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of Palm Beach County,
28 Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-
29 lettered to accomplish such, and the word "ordinance" may be
30 changed to "section", "article", or any other appropriate word.

31 **SECTION 6. Effective Date:**

32 The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective April
33 1, 2002.

1 APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of

2 Palm Beach County, Florida, on the 12 day of March, 2002.

3 Attest:

4 Dorothy H. Wilken, Clerk

5 By: Dorothy C. Hickman
6 Deputy Clerk



PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Warren H. Newell
Warren H. Newell, Chairman

7 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
8 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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10 Diane Brown
11 County Attorney

12 Filed with the Department of State on the 22 day of

13 March, 2002.

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM BEACH
I, DOROTHY H. WILKEN, ex-officio Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners certify this to be a
true and correct copy of the original filed in my office
on March 12, 2002

DATED at West Palm Beach, FL on 4/3/02.
DOROTHY H. WILKEN, Clerk

4 By: Diane Brown D.C.